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VERY LATEST ALL ARE GUARDED.

Trains Leaving Wichita Prepared for Robbers.

Reports of Another Fiendish Massacre.

Grand Master Workman Sovereign, of the K. of L. Ill.

Various News Brought by Telegraph.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 29.—The recent robberies in this vicinity have resulted in the trains leaving here being accompanied by armed guards.

Grand Master Sovereign Ill.
HAZELTON, Pa., Dec. 29.—Grand Master Workman Sovereign, of the Knights of Labor, was taken suddenly and seriously ill this morning, and departed for his home at Des Moines.

Massacred by the Malahels.
CAPE TOWN, Dec. 29.—It is reported that Capt. Wilson and command have been massacred by the Malahels, who surrounded him as the Indians did Custer.

Wrecked in the Bay.
MELBOURNE, Dec. 29.—The steamer Albert was wrecked by a storm in the port of Phillip Bay. Thirteen of her crew and two passengers were drowned.

Searching for the Bandit.
FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Five hundred armed men are scouring the San Joaquin valley for Chris Evans, an escaped bandit.

Supplies Cut Off.
RIO, Dec. 29.—Reports are that the insurgents' supplies are completely cut off.

The Bike Race.
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Schock leads the bicyclists at noon by 27 miles.

Look Out for This Swindler.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The Associated Press has disclosed the operations of a clever swindler who has been traveling through the eastern cities representing himself as the agent of the wholesale dry goods firm of Murphy, Grant & Co., of San Francisco. W. E. Baxter, as the crook calls himself, has victimized numerous firms in a great number of cities. His method of operation is to enter a wholesale dry goods house, present a neatly engraved card bearing the name of "W. E. Baxter, agent for Murphy, Grant & Co., San Francisco," also forged letters of introduction from the heads of the firm. He buys large bills of goods, orders them sent to San Francisco C. O. D. and after leaving asks the favor of having cashed a small draft, and this comparatively small request has never been refused him.

The Capers of Robert Cogswell.
FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 29.—Near this city Robert Cogswell fired two shots at Robert Darlington, but missing his man walked into a church where services were being held, and meeting the wife of Darlington in the aisle fired point blank at her, inflicting a severe wound in the shoulder. Cogswell escaped to his home and tried to commit suicide, but was prevented by his father. Mrs. Darlington is a first cousin to Madeline Pollard, of Breckinridge Polard fame.

Accused Her Husband of Poisoning Her.
BANDOLIERVILLE, Ky., Dec. 29.—The death of Mrs. Louis Armstrong has caused a sensation. About ten minutes before she expired she accused her husband of giving her a drink of poisoned water. Armstrong did not deny the charge until after he was arrested for murdering his wife. During her illness Mrs. Armstrong told intimate friends that her husband had repeatedly threatened to poison her.

Man and Woman Drowned.
DETROIT, Dec. 29.—A special to the Tribune from Salt Lake City, Mich., says Mrs. Andrew Trim and an unknown man were drowned near Detroit while crossing the ice from Drummond Island with a dog team.

LASTS
CLIMAX
BAKING
POWDER
PUREST AND BEST.
POUNDS, 20¢.
HALVES, 10¢. QUARTERS, 5¢.
COSTS LESS

RAILWAY ROBBERS,

Not the Kind That Hold Up with Winchester,

SKIN THE NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE,

According to the Allegations of Silas W. Pettit, of Philadelphia, No Mystery as to Who Are the Accused, and No "Pooch" in Pursuit, for They Aren't Running Away—Vilas, Oakes, and Payne Named as "Skinners" and Some Specimens of Their Work Operations.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 29.—Silas W. Pettit, of Philadelphia, general counsel of the Northern Pacific Railway company, has filed before Judge Jenkins in the United States court in this city a petition for the removal of Thomas F. Oakes, Henry C. Payne and Henry C. Rouse, the receivers of the road, alleging that they are parties to a conspiracy to defraud the company, and that therefore their places should be declared vacant and other persons substituted for them. Such a charge and proceeding were extraordinary enough, but they pale into insignificance when the separate facts upon which the charge is made are recounted, and throw into the shade any of the achievements of the famous Fish and Gould manipulation of the Erie road.

"Pooch Babs" for Revenue Only.
Pettit's story would indicate that the directors of the road were all evidently close students of the "Mikado" and took upon themselves the role of "Pooch Babs." He alleges that as directors of the Northern Pacific Railway company they bought from themselves miles of branch lines of railway that were absolutely worthless to the Northern Pacific at a profit to themselves of millions of dollars. Within one year from the time these directors obtained control of the company they had saddled upon it branch lines of road and increased its bonded obligations over \$20,000,000. Not one of the properties so acquired has ever earned the interest upon its bonds, and some of them have cost the Northern Pacific company millions to maintain.

Villard Was on the Ground Floor.
President Thomas C. Oakes and Directors Russell G. Hobson, Henry Villard, Abbott Colby and Hoyt are the men who are said to have profited so largely at the Northern Pacific's expense. They were members of the board elected in October, 1880, and re-elected for three years in 1890. At this time, Mr. Pettit avers, the Northern Pacific was in magnificent condition and its credit excellent. It had \$2,000,000 in cash in its treasury, a large amount of supplies on hand and its surplus earnings for the first half of the last fiscal year were at the rate of \$3,000,000 a year. Its entire bonded indebtedness was but \$75,000,000, and it was also liable as guarantor for \$25,000,000 in bonds of twenty-one branch lines.

The Great Financiers Got to Work.
The first act of the new directory was to propose an issue of \$100,000,000 in consolidated mortgage bonds. These were to be used in retiring the bonds on its main line and the \$25,000,000 in bonds of its branches, the remaining \$50,000,000 of the issue to be used for the benefit of the road as in the future occasion might arise. The stockholders assented to the proposed issue, and subscribed for \$10,000,000 of the bonds. Then the plunder of the Northern Pacific began. Road after road, beginning nowhere and ending nowhere, running through territories where there was not a vestige of traffic; roads built in the most flimsy way and equipped in the most inadequate manner, were sold to the Northern Pacific at enormous prices and paid for out of the consolidated bond issue. So Mr. Pettit says.

SOME WAYS THAT WERE DARK,
But Financially Could Not Be Called Tricks That Were Vain.

In every case the owners of these worthless roads were the directors of the Northern Pacific, and Mr. Pettit in his petition sets out several of these transactions in detail to show the enormity of the operations. One of the alleged transactions saddled upon the Northern Pacific, was the Chicago and Northern Pacific railway company. Messrs. Abbott, Colby and Hoyt, of the Northern Pacific directory, were the initial owners of the Wisconsin Central and of the ground on which the grand central station at Chicago is built. The same men also owned the capital stock of three companies, the Chicago and Great Western railroad, the Bridgeport and South Chicago railroad, and the Chicago, Harlem and Batavia railroad, which Mr. Pettit describes as "suburban lines of railway early built, but mainly projected, within the city limits of Chicago."

Henry Villard was also in the Chicago and Northern Pacific company, and this company bought the properties of Abbott, Colby & Hoyt, paying for them in its own stocks and bonds, giving \$5,000,000 for the Wisconsin Central and of the ground, \$27,500,000 for the Chicago and Great Western, and \$3,750,000 for the Chicago, Harlem and Batavia, a total of \$36,250,000—about \$40,000,000 in excess of their value, Pettit says. The deal netted these Northern Pacific directors \$10,000,000, and the Northern Pacific guaranteed the interest on the bonds.

Another exceedingly pretty piece of financial dealing was the deal by which the Northern Pacific became the owner of the Rocky Fork and Cooke City railway. This property was owned by the Rocky Fork Coal trust, Henry Villard president, and a number of Northern Pacific officials interested in it. They had a line of railway which cost \$200,000 and certain coal lands which cost \$200,000. These directors had divided among themselves \$4,000,000 in trust certificates, \$2,000,000 of which represented the coal property and the other \$2,000,000 the railway. Then they sold the railway to the Northern Pacific for \$1,400,000 in consolidated bonds, thus picking up a clear \$600,000 profit.

Killed by Electricity.
CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Edward Bartlett, an older aged 18 years, was killed by an electric shock at the Austin Arc Light works. Bartlett had been in the employ of the company about ten days and to his inexperienced is due his death. He was oiling the machinery and took hold of a live wire. His body completed the circuit and the heavy current generated by the plant passed through him. He died without a word, and was not found for some time.

HIS NAME IS DONJAN NOW, And His Case Looks Like It Might Be a Pretty Bad One.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Don "Jan" (as his name is now spelled) who has been made very prominent by the news men under the aliases of "Don Jan," "Don Jan," "Donjon" and others, has had his preliminary trial and refused to tell the most important thing he knew—who cooperated with him—until his final trial. His purpose in writing the letters was to find out how John Sherman made his millions. Everybody knows how John Sherman really did make what wealth he has, but Donjon doesn't seem to know that fact.

He was arraigned in the prisoners' dock along with a number of white and colored prisoners. He was represented by Lawyer Cavillier, who filed a plea of not guilty. W. S. Daniels, clerk of the vice president, testified that Donjon's letters first began coming to the vice president last summer. Some of them were very violent. A postal card was read to the court in which Donjon asked that the vice president to send him \$25 in order to avoid being one of those who had been marked. Mr. Mills, secretary and son of the Texas senator, read a letter received by his father in which Donjon said that there "was hell in store for certain parties." The letter made scandalous references to Senators Sherman and Stewart, President Cleveland and others. A request was made for traveling expenses to come to Washington and the letter stated that the writer was following divine inspiration.

The prisoner testified in an intelligent manner. He said that his idea in writing letters to public men was to find out how Senator Sherman had made his millions. Judge Miller and the attorneys endeavored to have him state who had cooperated with him, but he said he would not divulge this until the final trial. Donjon said he belonged to no secret society. He had not intended to threaten the vice president or senators, but merely to solicit sufficient money for traveling expenses to come to Washington to give evidence as Senator Sherman's alleged improper connection with silver and tariff legislation. In answer to a question he said he knew nothing about dynamite.

Henry Clews Skins 'Em Up.
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—In discussing the conduct of President McLeod's associates Henry Clews said: "These men, upon whose assistance Mr. McLeod had relied and who were holding a good deal of long stock to admit the carrying of the election, stealthily not only sold out on him, but went correspondingly short and therefore, instead of sustaining the property were naturally interested in bringing it to disaster. As a stock jobbing operation, therefore, it was eminently successful, at the expense of good faith."

More Mills Sent Up.
NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 29.—The Arcthusa and the Emma mills are again in operation here. They had been idle since before Christmas. The steel mill and the tin-plate mill will start up. The big plant of the wire-rod works has started on double turn. Besides these, the Bessemer, Pacey and Beger and Red Jacket furnaces are in full blast, and with all the minor manufacturing plants running the opening of the new year will find the industrial affairs of Newcastle in better shape than at any time since the summer collapse.

Drove Non-Union Miners Away.
PITTSBURG, Dec. 29.—The striking miners at Banola, near Belle Vernon, on the Monongahela river, are determined to prevent the operation of the pits with new men, and it is probable that the sheriff will be called upon to preserve the peace. One attempt to start the mines has resulted in a pitched battle, in which revolvers, stones, and clubs played an active part, and the non-union miners were driven away.

That English Duke of Saxe-Coburg.
BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The National Zeitung, commenting on the discussion going on in connection with the revenues of the duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, says that German public opinion will oppose the duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha receiving foreign money and must demand that a German federal prince be exclusively German and that he should not receive part of his maintenance from England.

"Put Up, Gentlemen," Quoth Carnegie.
PITTSBURG, Dec. 29.—Andrew Carnegie has written a letter from New York to Robert Pitkin, of the citizens' relief committee of this city, offering to duplicate all contributions made by the citizens of Pittsburgh for the unemployed to the amount of \$5,000 for each working day for two months. If the highest possible figure is obtained the donation will amount to over \$250,000.

Sheriff's View of Lewelling's Circular.
TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 29.—The sheriffs of Kansas at their state meeting here which they say they attended as peace officers, not as partisans, were unanimous in condemning the governor's tramp circular. The sheriffs generally agree that the governor's letter to the police boards ordering leniency had given great license to tramps and increased holdups and robberies.

Work for the Wisconsin Miners.
HUBLEY, Wis., Dec. 29.—The indications now are that operations at the Montreal mines will be resumed within two weeks. This will set several thousand men on both sides of the river at work, and will greatly diminish the need for philanthropic efforts in this region. So far the contributions from outside have been sufficiently liberal.

Retaliated with a Club.
LEAVESWORTH, Kan., Dec. 29.—Trumpler Wilson, of Company F, Thirteenth Infantry, while under the influence of liquor struck Private Vance, Company H, Fourteenth Infantry, over the head with a trumpet. Vance retaliated with an Indian club, crushing Wilson's skull. Wilson's injuries are fatal.

Bismarck's Son Threatened.
HANOVER, Dec. 29.—Count William Bismarck, governor of Hanover, second son of Prince Bismarck, has received a letter in which the writer threatened to blow up his house. A number of detectives are now watching the governor's residence.

Is the President Lost?
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—It is said that no word has been received from the president's party since they started down the river. The exact date of return is not known. The party expects to bring home a boat load of news.

RASH LEWELLING.

He Braves the Anger of His Fair Critics,

AND GIVES MRS. LEASE THE BOUNCE.

That Lady Removed from the Board of Charities, in Anticipation of a War She Was Preparing to Declare Against the Kansas Executive—A Bomb in the Camp Which Can Hardly Be Said to Have Burst Yet.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 29.—The Populist camp has been thrown into the wildest excitement by the act of Governor Lewelling in removing Mrs. Mary E. Lease from the state board of charities. This was done after a long conference with his associate state officers and other leaders of the People's party, and was no doubt in anticipation of a war which Mrs. Lease was preparing to declare against the state administration. To a reporter Governor Lewelling said: "I do not want to say much about it. I want you to be careful to quote me correctly. I have removed Mrs. Lease in the interest of harmony and good government. There seems to be some lack of harmony in the charitable institutions of the state and considerable trouble in the board, and I concluded Mrs. Lease's removal was the remedy, and I accordingly removed her. That's all I have to say about it this afternoon."

Well, Mrs. Lease, You've Quit.
"Don't you think you have stirred up a row?"

"Maybe I have, but I guess there will be no great trouble grow out of it."
Mrs. Lease, who was the head of the state board of charities, was in the city to confer with the Populist leaders about the recent election of George F. Tauber to be steward of the deaf and dumb asylum at Olathe by the votes of M. A. Householder and W. S. Waite, the Republican members of the board. "Either he goes or I go," Mrs. Lease said to a reporter, and she stamped her foot to emphasize the assertion. "This was before her removal was announced. 'It is a question of principle with me. First, I am a Populist of the middle-of-the-road sort and do not believe in appointing Democrats to office. Next, good Populists have been ignored, and lastly I am opposed to Tauber because he was appointed to secure the beer-drinking element of the state for the People's party next year. I am not that kind of a Populist. I do not believe in compromising with wrong in any shape or form. It is certain Tauber will have to be retired or I shall quit the board.'"

She Was Grinding Her Hatchet.
The removal of Mrs. Lease was a thought of yesterday. The day before there was no talk of it in the state house or in Populist circles anywhere. It is not believed the removal was wholly caused by the row in the board, for that has been of long standing and was open and notorious. That somebody had to go has been known for some months, for Mrs. Lease on the one side and Mr. Householder and Mr. Waite on the other could never harmoniously work, but it was not intended to let it be Mrs. Lease until yesterday morning, when intelligence was brought to the governor that Mrs. Lease had not buried the hatchet, but was getting ready to make another assault through the newspapers upon the administration. She, in conversation with a well-known Populist within the past forty-eight hours, had stated she was not satisfied with the terms of peace made for her with the governor. She said Governor Lewelling and the entire state house crowd ought to be turned down, and that she was loaded down with letters and documents that would make the turnaround.

ACCEPTS THE LADY'S CHALLENGE,

And Now May the Best Man Win—Mrs. Lease's Comment.

She said she proposed to go after the governor on account of a good many misdeeds, and especially on account of the appointment of Artz and Todd. When this reached the governor's ears it decided the question of removing her, and instead of letting out Householder and Waite he let out Mrs. Lease. The removal means that the administration has accepted Mrs. Lease's challenge to battle, and it goes without saying that the contest will be full of fire and interest. Mrs. Lease takes her removal as a trained politician. She said to a reporter: "Yes, I have been officially informed of my decapitation. I had had a hint that it was coming."

"But Governor Lewelling ought to have told me the real reason. It was because I went to him yesterday afternoon and made a demand upon him—not a request, mind you—a demand that at the expiration of the term of Mr. Yoe, a Republican member, next April, J. R. Kennedy, a Populist editor of Wilson county, be appointed. I know that with Mr. Kennedy on the board we could run the institutions in a business-like way and get rid of the political schemes to which the board now resorts. But the governor seems to like that way of administering our state charities. It was not a month ago he came to us with a demand that we remove Carter from the superintendency of the deaf and dumb asylum. 'I said to him that he had no right to make such a demand; that we, the board, were responsible for our appointments, and the party could not afford to have such an institution as the deaf and dumb asylum mixed up in small politics. But the majority of the board did the governor's bidding and now they are trying to find a way to reinstate Carter. But it is all right. If Governor Lewelling can stand it I can. I will 'saw wood' and wait, as the politicians say. I am no politician, but you may congratulate Governor Lewelling upon dousing the best friend and most sympathetic and cordial worker the People's party has in the state of Kansas.'"

Wisconsin Blast Furnace Shut Down.
ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 29.—Orders have been received to shut down the Ashland blast furnace from Jan. 4 to June 1. Five hundred and eighty-five men are thrown out of work. Low prices and slack sales caused the shut-down.

Many of the sealskins sent to the London markets are obtained by the Shwam Indians along the west coast of Vancouver Island and the northwest shores of British Columbia.

The London
SAX & RICE, ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Big Store. Blue Front.

PANTALOONS!

Away down in price.
Your choice of any Pants in the house for
Worth \$5 and \$6. **\$3.99.** Worth \$5 and \$6.

Pants Worth \$3.50 and \$4 for \$2.39.

An Accident Life Insurance Policy for \$500
given with every pair of 50c suspenders.

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BOSTON

HARNED, PURSEL & VON MAUR

STORE

Great Clearing Sale of Holiday Goods, beginning Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Everything in Holiday Goods must be sold, cost no consideration. Some will be marked one-quarter off, some one-third off, some one-half off, and the balance for almost nothing. You have forgotten someone? Now is the time to remember them at a small outlay.

Baskets.
All baskets reduced from one-fourth to one-half regular price. One lot at 8c, one lot at 15c, one lot at 25c and one lot at 44c each.

Beautiful Artist Proof Etchings.
Reduced to \$1.19 for choice, all with white and gold, silver and dark frames.

Miscellaneous.
Toilet Cases, Manicure Cases, Shaving Sets, Carving Sets, Smoking Sets, &c., one-half and one-third off, for choice, all are included.
Five o'clock Teas, reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.19; from \$3.48 to \$2.47; from \$2.48 to \$1.73 each.
Hanging Lamps, reduced from \$7 and \$8 to \$5.95; from \$6.48 to \$5.19; from \$5.98 to \$4.93; from \$5.79 to \$4.25 each.
Reception Lamps, with shades of silk and lace, all at prices like the following in point of reductions, from \$12.73 to \$9.85; from \$11.75 to \$8.95; from \$7.22 to \$6.19.
Library Lamps from \$7.48 to \$6.25; from \$8.95 to \$3.37; from \$2.58 to \$1.97; from \$3.39 to \$1.95 each.
Fearful reductions in Japanese Vases, Cups and Saucers, Jardanairs, Plates, Sugar and Creams, Tea Pots, Creams and a hundred and one other pieces, including about everything in this department.
To close out our entire stock of Candy we will make unheard of low prices this week.

All Dolls at Just One-Half Price.
Dolls reduced from 79c to 59c; small size from 25c to 15c; medium size from 45c to 35c.
Kalf skin head dolls reduced to 75c each.
Baltimore printing press reduced from \$4.95 to \$3.69.
Magic lanterns \$4.75 to \$3.57; from \$3.56 to \$2.76; from \$2.50 to \$1.95; from \$1.82 to \$1.33.
Bagatelle game from \$2.19 to \$1.52; from \$1.19 to 82c each.
Xmas tree game reduced from 55c to 33c each.
Hobby horse reduced from \$3.95 to \$2.95.

Wooden Toys.
American Menagerie reduced from 39c to 19c each.
Noah's Ark, 26 inches long, by 7 inches high, reduced from 89c to 58c each.
Sideboards for girls (hard wood), reduced to 15c each.
Folding beds and dressers combined reduced to 26c each.
The chariot reduced from 92c to 50c each.
The fire patrol reduced from 39c to 25c each.
The fire escape reduced from 92c to 50c each.
U. S. cruisers reduced from 92c to 58c each.
Wash sets for girls reduced from 89c to 58c each.

Games and Puzzles
Reduced to 5c, 10c, 25c, 36c, 58c and 69c each, all at about one half their value.
Horses with natural hair reduced from 79c to 48c; from 98c to 63c each.

Respectfully Yours,
HARNED, PURSEL & VON MAUR,
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